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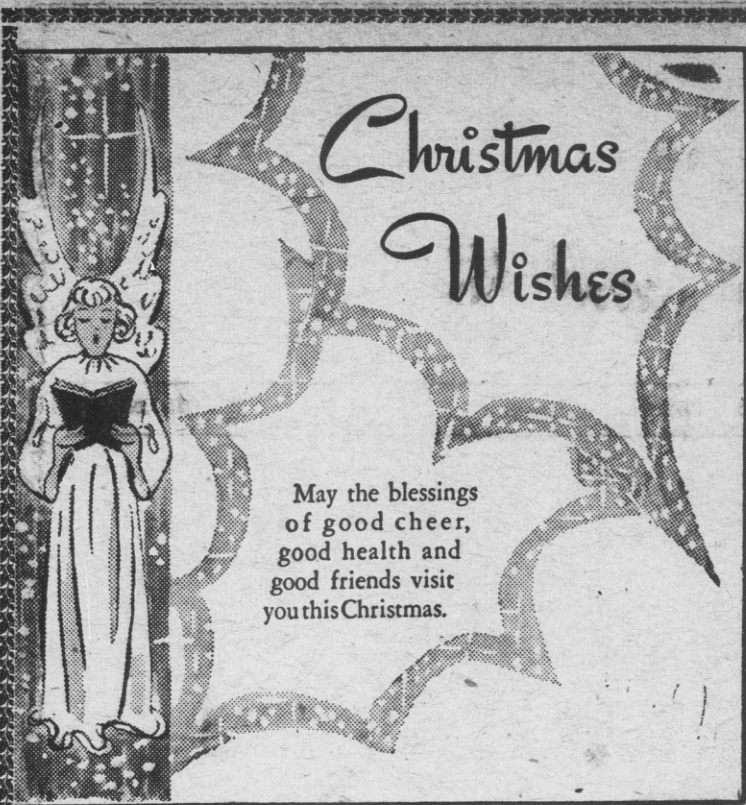
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Grown on the hillsides of the coastal states from Maine to Texas and up the Mississippi valley to Missouri, holly is a pretty but slow-growing plant.

Leaves are evergreen, the margins of which are provided with rather widely separated spines. Weak and close-grained, the wood is exceptionally white, making it highly desirable in the manufacture of woodenware, cabinets and interior finishing.

As a result of scientific discoveries holly cuttings will take root quickly when they are treated with hormonelike substances. Christmas holly has been converted into potted plants. These plants can be set out as a permanent ornament for landscapes.

Growth regulating substances—indole butyric acid and naphthalene acetamide—are on the market in liquid or powdered form under various trade names. The chemicals are applied to plantings of fresh cuttings kept moist, cool and well shaded.

Peace, Good-Will

The time draws near the birth of Christ:

The moon is hid; the night is still;

The Christmas bells from hill to hill

Answer each other in the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round, From far and near, on mead and moor,

Swell out and fall, as if a door Were shut between me and the sound.

Each voice four changes on the wind, That now dilate, and now decrease.

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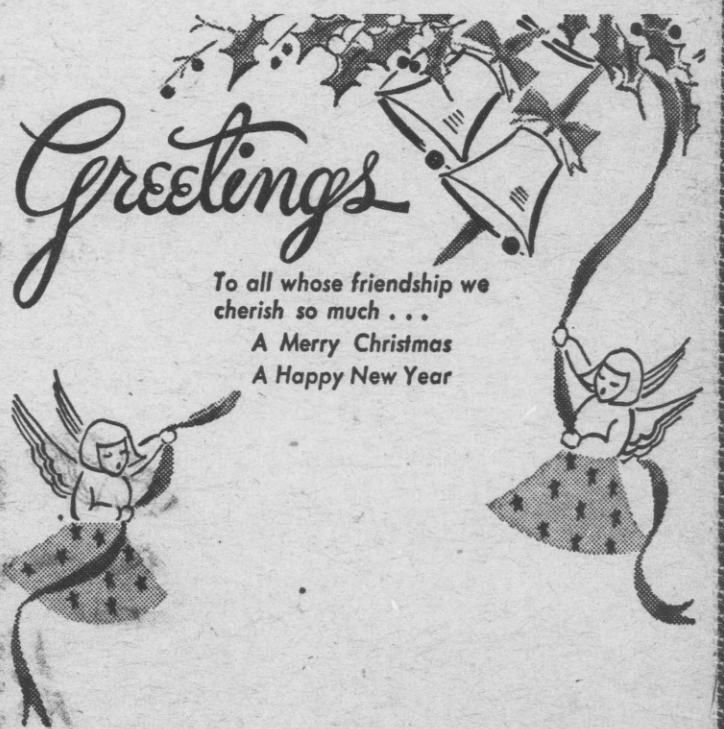
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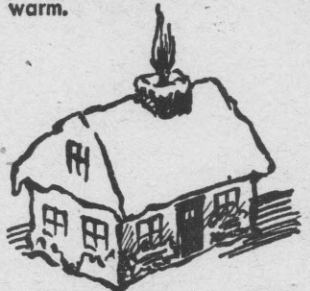
Lilies or other flowers may be molded while the wax is still warm.



Snowball candles are left to give frosted effect.



Big oversized jumbo candles may be made of various colors, of sizes to fit some particular nook in the house.



In making a cottage candle the windows, doors and shrubbery are painted in by hand.



● It is said that the coming year's weather may be forecasted by cocking an eye at the sky during Christmas week. Here are a few of the beliefs; conflicting in many details:

● If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas Day, there will be a good crop the following year.

● If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterwards.

● Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow the balance of the winter.

● Rain causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas.

● At Christmas if meadows are green, at Easter they will be covered with frost.

● If windy Christmas Day, trees will bear much fruit.

● A wet Christmas means an empty granary and barrel.

● A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.

● A warm Christmas means a cold Easter.

● A green Christmas is followed by a white Easter.

THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT

The efforts of countless men and women have gone into the building of the trade union movement.

It is the product of the faith, sacrifice and cooperation of workers in many lands over many generations.

It has come to us from the past. It is ours to preserve for the present and to pass on to the future. May it be improved and strengthened as a result of our contribution to it.

It is the tool which working people have forged to serve their needs, to defend their freedom, and to build greater security. Let us guard it well.—Vancouver "Labor Statesman."

LET'S BE UNION CONSCIOUS

The one emblem that most truly represents the fruits of ceaseless toil and all effort for the betterment of mankind, from alpha to omega, from the days of serfdom to the present advanced stage of wage-earners, as represented by the American Federation of Labor, is the UNION LABEL.

The Union Label, Shop Card, and Button of the various union groups afford the only positive assurance that the goods you purchase are made under fair conditions.

When you demand Union Label goods and Union Services, you (1) help yourself; (2) help your fellow workers; and (3) help in the advancement of civilization to higher standards and accomplishments.

These simple truths must be plain to all who toil; their origin a part of the struggle of all wage earners—and their worth apparent.

Absolutely nothing has happened to detract from the intrinsic value of the Union Label, Shop Card or Button that denote union goods

and union services. Let us, therefore, become more "union conscious." Let us, individually and collectively, with all the buying power we possess, support Union Label products and Union Services. Let's support "our own."

Whatever the need for a commodity, there is a Union-Made product; whatever the need for service, there is a Union Service. Let's be Union Conscious!

A grave-digger, absorbed in his thought, dug a grave so deep he couldn't get out. As the chilly night came on he became more and more uncomfortable, and started shouting for help. At length a passing inebriated gent, attracted by his cries, staggered over to investigate.

"Get me out of here," shouted the grave-digger. "I'm cold."

The inebriated gent regarded him with surprise. "No wonder you're cold," he answered, "they forgot to put any dirt on you."

Should Discard Outworn Beliefs About Unions

(Excerpts from a speech by Lt. Col. G. R. Creel, Office Chief of Staff, Public Information Service, U. S. Army.)

Today we are faced with the pre-eminent fact that if civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relations, the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together and work together, in the same world, at peace.

There is always a lag, commonly referred to as a cultural lag. People change their behavior to accommodate a new device or invention. If it is a useful device, people change their day-to-day behavior to accommodate this new device. This may happen fairly soon, a matter of 10 or 15 years. Then considerably later on people change their system of beliefs to allow for the invention.

Let us look at some of the beliefs that are now obsolete by the march of events:

That men won't work unless they have to.

That we've always had depressions and always will.

That the open shop is the American way, and labor unions are foolish, if not wicked.

That all strikes are due to troublemakers.

That taxes are always evil.

That preachers are rather impractical people who wouldn't be likely to make good in business.

That you can't change human nature.

The Real Way Out

Honest officials of labor unions do not care for the label of "labor leader." Even if they have never thought the question through, they show an instinctive dislike of the term.

That great organizer, Eugene V. Debs, the man who built the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen 70 years ago, once said in objecting to being so-called:

"I am not a labor leader. If you are looking for a Moses to lead you out of the wilderness, you will stay right where you are. I would not lead you into the promised land if I could, because if I could lead you in, someone else could lead you out."

That is what is meant when a talk of participation is sounded. If a member does not know what he is doing and why he is doing it, he has learned nothing. The person who will follow blindly in good cause can be led to follow blindly in a bad cause.

The strength of a union does not depend as much on the ability of its officials as the union education of its membership. Participation means taking a part in making decisions and carrying them out once they are made by the majority. It's the only way out of the "wilderness."

The Landless Lullabye

Rock-a-bye baby, on the tree top,
When you grow up you can work in a shop.

When you get married, your wife can work too,
So the landlord will have no work to do.

Rock-a-bye baby, on the tree top,
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Labor Question Box

QUESTION: "What is the per capita rate of all taxes in the United States—that is, how much per person—and is the tax trend higher or lower?"

ANSWER: According to the U. S. Department of Commerce, net tax collections last year—Federal, State and local—amounted to \$49,600,000,000. That would be an average of \$344 per person in the United States, or what is often called a per capita tax rate of \$344 annually. The trend of Federal taxes has been slightly lower for the past two years, but State and local taxes are higher.

QUESTION: "Is it true that Samuel Gompers was never defeated as a candidate for president of the American Federation of Labor?"

ANSWER: I rather suspect that's another question intended to settle a friendly argument. But it's a good question and its answer might be fresh information for a lot of people who share a general belief. NO, it is not true that the late Samuel Gompers was never defeated as a candidate for president of the American Federation of Labor. He was defeated at the Denver convention, in 1894, and did not hold any A. F. of L. office until again elected president, at the New York convention, in 1895. That is in no manner any reflections upon the great A. F. of L. leader, but merely an established and recorded fact.

QUESTION: "Isn't it true that there was once a union known as the 'Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen of America'?"

ANSWER: We're certainly getting some items from 'way back this time! The title referred to, Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen of America, was the original name of what is now The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees. The present title, that is, The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, was adopted 45 years ago, in 1903.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Dilemma of Dough

If you save all you can earn, you're a miser.

If you spend all you earn, you're a fool.

If you lose it, you're out;

If you spend it, you're in,

If you owe it, they're always after you;

If you lend it, you're always after them.

It is the cause of evil;

It is the cause of sorrow;

It is the cause of happiness.

If the Government makes it, it's all right;

If you make it, it's all wrong.

As a rule, it is hard to get;

But when you get it, it is soft.

It talks:

To some it says, "I have come to stay;"

To others it whispers, "good-bye."

Some people go to the bank for it;

Some people go to jail for it. The mint makes it first;

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"Democracy," said Charles A. Beard, "requires the continuous development of independent thinking and criticism of the prevailing order." The dean of American historians, who died September 1 at his dairy farm near New Milford, Conn., believed with Milton in an open mind which permits emphasis to be laid on order and conformity at certain times and which allows a shift to liberty and independence of judgment on other occasions.

Irving Dillard, writing in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, reports Beard as saying that "the great mass of people, rich or poor, do not invent anything, do not conceive any new ideas, do not desire to depart far from a commonplace routine in life. Every great invention, every work of art, every beneficent reform originates in the brain of some individual and has to make its way against popular hostility."

Speaking to high school teachers of history, civics, and other social sciences, the eminent historian once said:

"Since many of the important policies of government are highly controversial, instruction in citizenship cuts into difficult themes and affects powerful interests in society. It would be better to ignore entirely the subject of government than to confine it to innocuous generalizations on which people agree in theory and violently disagree in practice.

"But because politics is controversial, it does not follow that it cannot be treated scientifically and impartially. It means rather that only highly trained and skillful teachers can handle politics in a way calculated to stimulate intelligence and waken discriminating power among pupils."

At another time Beard affirmed that "the right to dissent from the views and the measures of government is essential to the operation of the American system."

The functions of education, according to Beard, are (1) to create rich and many-sided personalities, (2) strengthen democratic institutions by making clear their workings and point out defects generally agreed upon, (3) provide more effective leadership, (4) illuminate every possible corner of the political scene, and (5) promote habits of critical fairness among the electorate.

Beard knew that the average citizen, if he lives outside a rural community, "finds himself caught by an endless competition in irresponsible and ostentatious display, largely on account of the tendency to accept the pecuniary standard as the measure of success and achievement. Civic instruction, he believed, must emphasize the saner standards of life and counteract the "barrage of appeals to vanity and inferiority fears, phobias, sensations and inflated ambitions."

The Jolly Philosopher remarks: "Political friendships are too often founded on a common hatred—of organized labor!"

With Best Wishes For Christmas

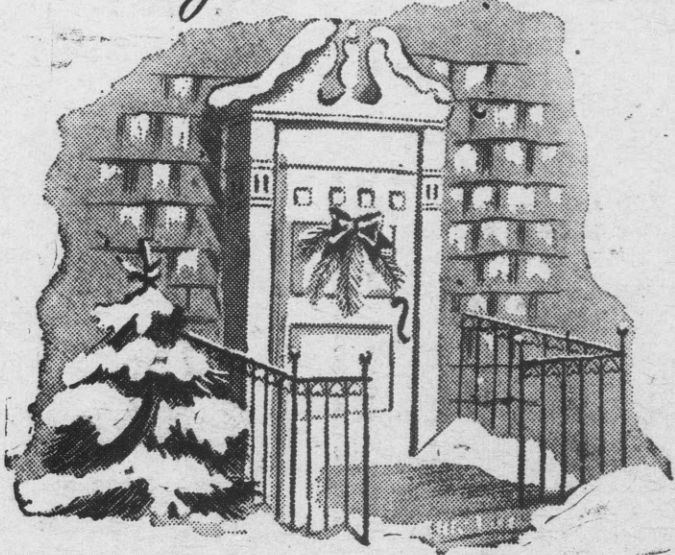
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CHRISTMAS IN MIDDLE AMERICA . . . While the Christmas customs vary in the ten Middle America republics, bells play an important part in every country. This belfry in church tower at Panama City plays a big part in their holiday celebration.

Christmas Minus a Santa Claus

Do you believe in Santa Claus? The children of Middle America never heard of ole Saint Nick, even though their holiday celebration compares happily and merrily to our own.

Picnics and outdoor excursions are traditional events of the day, for Christmas comes in mid-summer weather there. Weeks before the holiday, families in El Salvador, Mexico and Panama prepare tiny clay or wooden figures for the creche which most homes display during the universal holiday. In Guatemala, Costa Rica and Cuba, images of the Virgin are carried through the streets.

Christmas celebrations and customs vary in the ten republics which comprise Middle America—Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Fireworks climax the festival in most of these republics and marimba bands play in bunting bedecked parks while whole families trek from farm to village, visiting relatives or joining in the public merrymaking.

Mexican families string their patios with colored lanterns and hang the pinata, a large clay jar shaped like a bird or animal and filled with fruits, nuts and candies purchased at the picturesque Christmas stalls in the markets. The children are blindfolded and armed with long sticks. They reach for the pinata until one child breaks the jar and the sweets tumble out to be shared by all.

Despite the various forms of observing the Christmas holiday, Middle America is united in its celebration of peace with its bright hope for inter-American interdependence.

Hungry People Commit Crimes

We are trying everything possible to increase the minimum wage for interstate work from 40 cents to 75 cents an hour.

This law establishing the minimum wage of 40 cents an hour was pushed through by President Roosevelt several years ago.

It was mainly designed to help the poor, hungry common laborers of the south who were entirely unorganized.

At that time we found them working in mills, whole families, at 10 cents or 12 cents an hour.

How they lived it is impossible to understand. We know they could not live now on the wages paid at that time.

President Roosevelt and the labor movement were endeavoring to make the minimum 50 cents an hour but the reactionaries from the south and their staunch allies who protect big business in the north cut it down to 40 cents.

We have had the bill raising the minimum to 75 cents before the lawmakers in Washington for months and months but we have been unable to get any action on it.

Again the treachery and the influence of the labor-hating corporations and the power of their lobbies have been able to stifle this very necessary legislation.

The cost of living has doubled since we put through the minimum of 40 cents per hour for those engaged in any kind of interstate commerce outside of farming and domestic help. We may not get any action on the 75-cent legislation until after the election.

It is known that many robberies

and other crimes are committed as a result of hunger and poverty. A man with a family getting only 40 cents an hour for 40 hours a week becomes desperate.

One large department store in Indianapolis employs a man for general labor at 40 cents an hour. He works 40 hours a week for \$16. This man has seven children and how he feeds them is impossible to understand.

If this department store, which is only a sample of other department stores, was not making any money there might be some excuse.

Its financial report, however, reveals that profits last year were the highest in the history of the company.

In fact the profits last year surpassed all expectations.

Communism breeds and prospers on discontent.

Corporations that hold their wages down to 40 cents an hour while profits break all records are asking for trouble. Eventually, they may get it.

Little Joan: "Daddy, why is it that the Women's Club always bring their knitting when they come to the house?"

Daddy: "I suppose it gives them something to think about while they are talking."

Organizing is Your Job

There are many members of organized labor who honestly believe that it is the International Representative's job to do all the organizing of the unorganized, and will not do anything themselves because they think these fellows are getting paid to do the job.

This never was true. The best any organizer can do is to assist people who already want to organize. Organizers are sent where people are ready to be organized. If they go where men are not ready, the only way they can be successful is through the help of the local people who know the benefits of being organized. Folks will listen to their neighbors much more quickly than they will listen to strangers.

Unions were started by workers getting together and talking over ways to better their conditions, then by going over on the other side of town and telling others how simple it is to help themselves. This went on until unions became strong enough to put on organizers to assist the membership in its continual campaign to organize the unorganized workers in every community.

No union can continue to be progressive if its members become satisfied and sit down, because the members are the union. The life of any union depends on its ability to get new members. Stop this source of life and it is on the road to sure death. Some local unions have an organizing committee that makes reports at every meeting, and makes talks on the need for organizing. This helps to encourage the membership to talk to workers who are not organized, and it does a lot of good.

There is no way you can do more for your fellowman than to convince him he should be in a union. There are a few members in almost all of the local unions who are willing to give a part of their time to help out in this important job, because they understand that union shops are benefited as well as the ones being organized.

Being obligated into a union means more than just paying dues. There never was a time when organizers needed help from the members more than they do now. The employers are more active now than they have been in years, trying to keep their employees from joining the union. If everyone will give the organizers a little assistance, we all will be benefited.

The court waxed hot. "Sir," stormed the defense lawyer, "you have admitted you were seated on the right side of the passenger coach where you couldn't see an extra track. Will you please explain to this jury how you can swear the line was double-tracked?"

"Well," meekly answered the witness, "I could look across the aisle and through the coach windows. I saw a train whiz by occasionally, and took it that there was either a track under it or else this railroad had some mighty good railroaders."

Happiness can only be built on virtue.—Coleridge.

Try on Slips When Buying

Many women who are careful to try on dresses before buying choose their slips simply by the size on the label. Yet buying slips by size alone will not insure a good fit, clothing specialists of the Michigan Experiment Station report.

In a recent study of different brands of rayon slips they found that in any given size slips varied greatly in cut, design and proportion. Thus, a size 14 in one make is likely to fit very differently than a size 14 of another make.

The studies also showed that the price is not a sure guide to quality. Slips of the same price vary greatly in quality of fabric, not only among different brands but also within any given brand.

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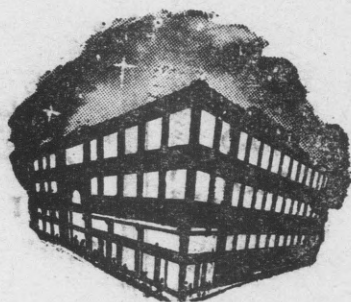
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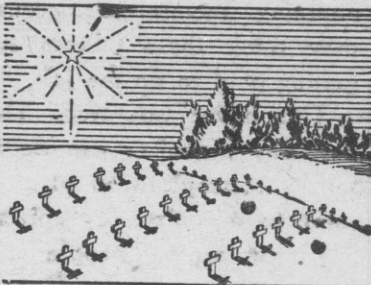
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Leading Carols

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A SONG which made its appearance in 1942 entitled "White Christmas," is in its fourth year and well on its way to permanent recognition as a Christmas favorite.



The amazing popularity of "White Christmas" as a yuletide song reached its peak last year when a poll conducted to establish the favorite carol of servicemen revealed that 22 per cent of the votes went to this early war song written especially for the occasion by Irving Berlin, graduate of Tin Pan Alley.

The birth of the song was entirely by accident despite rumors to the contrary which attribute its conception to the war. Actually, it was composed in 1940. A Hollywood studio had an idea for a motion picture to be called "Holiday Inn," co-starring Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby. The theme of the picture was based on the holidays of the year and a song was needed to represent each holiday. Irving Berlin was contracted for the compositions. The picture, released in 1942, was synonymous with our second wartime Christmas, and in that year the song sold one million copies in four months. Although nothing is done on the part of the publishers to exploit the song, it automatically rings the register each year as the holiday season approaches. Berlin calls it his favorite song, with the exception of his "God Bless America" written during World War I. "It's difficult to predict a song's future," says Berlin, "but judging from its past, I would say 'White Christmas' has a very good chance of becoming a permanent song along with other Christmas carols."

Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.

Alms Giving Custom A Christmas Charity

Giving alms at Christmas originated in the belief that the Christ came sometimes to the door disguised as a beggar during the holiday season, and it was feared that he might be turned away unrecognized. There is an old legend that tells of the Christ child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in search of those who were kind, and deserving. His test was to plead for aid and often he was turned away from the door. This story led to alms giving on Christmas Eve and it was rare that a beggar was refused.

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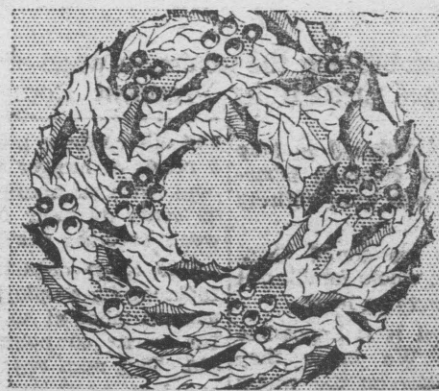
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Accidents at Home

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This is the season when the safety experts tally up our records for the year past and groan. And the chief culprit seems to be the place where we're supposed to be the safest—home, sweet home.

It's nothing to brood about, of course, but it would be a good idea some housebound domicile with an inquiring eye.

We do this at intervals in a clutter hunt—you know, really look at that bookcase and spy the never-used, dust-collecting candy dish that has been sitting there, actually unseen for months. Or we note, as if for the first time, the accumulated paper-backed mysteries that ought to be tossed out or passed on.

Well, the other day we did the same thing in a hunt for danger spots and we'll draw an asbestos curtain over our embarrassment. We won't tell you what we found in our house, but here are just a few of the items you might want to check in your own.

BATHROOM, KITCHEN ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

First, start with the bathroom. Be sure the towel racks near the tub are firmly secured (people sometimes grab onto them getting out of the tub even though they shouldn't and have bad falls when the racks give way). If you can, don't have porcelain faucets in shower and tub—they give easily with upsetting effect, too.

If you haven't a wall switch, be sure to have a wooden pull (even a discarded spool will do) at the end of your pull chain to avoid getting a shock if you touch it when wet. Keep lye and other dangerous substances off the floor if you have an old-fashioned tub—don't try to cache poisonous substances underneath. A child or a pet might fool you and find them.

Then double-check your medicine cabinet. We as-

sume you throw out old prescription bottles regularly and keep dangerous bottles at the top, well out of the reach of children. It's a good idea also to put adhesive tape about the top or stick a pin in the cork or seal it with nail polish so that you yourself won't make a mistake sometime. We even tape our boric acid—once we got it mixed up with bicarb. It's a good idea always to pour medicine away from the label side so that spills won't obscure it, too.

In the kitchen, be sure you have potholders convenient to the stove so that you won't be tempted to pinch-hit with a dish towel or wet dish cloth. Keep pot handles turned away from the reach of toddlers and always store sharp knives and tools in a hanging rack or case.

Be sure matches are still out of the reach of your growing offspring and if you have a bad habit of letting your tea kettle or double boiler burn out, drop a few marbles in the bottom. The dancing little spheres will signal you when to refill. A gate across the kitchen door is always a good idea if there is a toddler who gets underfoot when cooking or baking is at its peak.

In all rooms, check your electric connections. Be sure you have no cords running under rugs or along baseboards. Check your outlets for loose wires or unfilled outlets—plug in your fuse box are replaced. them if there are small children around. And most of all, be sure that all burned-out fuses

Safety should come first.

Simple Rules Can Prevent Those Colds

Cold warfare—that's us fighting the common cold this winter. Some think we can't avoid colds. We can, though, and what makes the effort worth while is that influenza and pneumonia usually get their start in a body whose resistance is already lowered.

Thus, while no one dies of a cold, it often leads the way for some other nose, throat or lung infection which can really do you in.

How does a person go about preventing these colds and their complications? The rules are simple, so simple that we forget them every now and then. They are:

Plenty of sleep each night, in a well-aired room.

Moderate eating of a balanced diet, at regular hours.

Outdoor exercise.

Warm clothes and dry feet.

Moderate indoor heat and ample humidity.

Individual towels and utensils.

Nothing very special, you see, yet how easy it is to take a chance on one or more of the items from day to day, during the more dangerous months now lying ahead of us. If you mean business, you have to bear down, and take no chances at all.

What we are up against is that the germs of all three ailments, common cold, influenza and pneumonia, seem to be in the air at all times. We even breathe them in, but when our resistance is up where it belongs (normal temperature, good appetite, plenty of zip) they can't ordinarily make a dent in our defences.

Campaign Smears Prove Failures

Much that is said and done during a political campaign can be quickly forgiven by the opposition after the ballots are counted.

The smear has always been political practice in this country. Sometimes the "issues" have been pretty juicy—Andrew Jackson's wife, Abe Lincoln's paternity, Grover Cleveland's romances were just a few of them.

Probably we ought to be ashamed of such a record. Certainly it's a sign that as a nation, we're not very grown-up. None of these supposed "scandals" had anything whatever to do with the real questions facing the voters—any more than Elliot Roosevelt's bulldog affected the conduct of the recent war.

At the same time, it's comforting to remember that most smears have had little effect. All those mentioned above were tossed at candidates who won anyway.

THE BUSINESS AGENT'S DREAM

A man knocked at the Heavenly Gate,

His face was scarred and old; He stood before the man of fate For admission to the fold.

"What have you done," St. Peter asked,

"To gain admission here?"

"I've been a business agent, Sir, For many and many a year."

The pearly gates swung open wide, St. Peter touched the bell—

"Come in and choose your harp," he said,

"You've had your share of hell."

BENZENE POISONING

Benzene, or benzol as it is sometimes called, is a chemical widely used in industry. It is a colorless, non-corrosive liquid with a characteristic but not unpleasant odor. It also can be a health hazard.

The U. S. Public Health Service says that benzene often is confused with benzine, which is merely a highly refined gasoline. Both are extremely flammable, but benzene is also a poison which can affect the nerve tissues and bone marrow where new blood cells are formed.

Benzene is widely used in the chemical, oil extraction, dye, paint, varnish, rubber cement, linoleum, artificial leather and plastics industries, and also is used in motor fuel blending and in the manufacture of rapid photogravure inks.

Benzene poisoning is of two types, acute and chronic. Acute poisoning is very dangerous and results from short exposure to the breathing of high concentration of benzene vapor.

Sometimes workers are forced to breathe these fumes because of equipment failure or spilling.

Sometimes workmen become acutely poisoned by entering tanks containing benzene vapor, or warehouses in which containers are leaking, without wearing proper protective masks to prevent the vapor from entering the lungs.

The first symptoms of acute benzene poisoning are tightening of the leg muscles, dizziness, and a feeling of pressure on the lower central part of the forehead.

Persons working around benzene should be alert to these symptoms and if they occur should get into the fresh air at once. One characteristic of acute benzene poisoning is that the person becomes hysterical—he laughs, shouts, sings or curses. And invariably he also becomes very obstinate. This is the "benzol jag" stage.

When these symptoms occur the person should be moved to fresh air even though he objects. However, be careful never to strike a person in this condition. His heart is under tremendous strain and rough handling could be fatal.

Chronic benzene poisoning results from repeated exposure to the chemical over periods of weeks or months. It attacks the blood vessels and bone marrow, and often causes anemia. It can be detected by blood tests.

And He Hates Unions!

A friend of ours works in a bank. He makes \$45.00 a week. He owns three suits, each approximately two years old. He has a 1936 Chevrolet, in need of a new carburetor, and a \$5.00 hat in need of a good cleaning.

And he hates unions.

This friend of ours is a nice fellow, good to his wife and 2 young children, except on rent day and the first of the month, when he finds himself going deeper into debt.

He goes to church every Sunday, and does his best to be a good neighbor.

But he hates unions.

His employer could pay him almost three times his present salary, but of course he doesn't.

Our friend doesn't think his boss is one of the best examples of capitalism at its worst, but he is.

Our friend works against himself. He looks down his nose at anyone who goes to work in overalls or uniforms, but his chances of owning his home are about one in ten thousand.

You see, he hates unions.

He wouldn't belong to a union. That's for unlettered, ignorant, misguided workers. He isn't a worker. He's a "professional."

He's a professional with a patch on his pants and a hole in his pocket.

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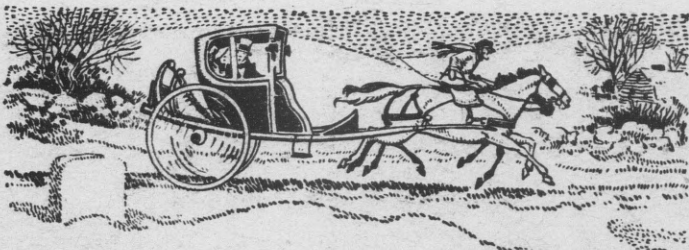


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Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 6. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity.

The Holy Supper or Swiata Wecera is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jellied, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served, and stuffed cabbage, filled with millet or rice. Vareniki, some-



thing like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.

During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadniki go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folksongs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.

Christmas Poem



The time draws near
the birth of Christ.
The moon is hid; the
night is still;
The Christmas bells
from hill to hill
Answer each other in
the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round,
From far and near, on mead and
moor,
Swell out and fall, as if a door
Were shut between me and the
sound.

Each voice four changes on the
wind,
That now dilate, and now decrease,
Peace and good-will, good-will
and peace,
Peace and good-will, to all mankind.
—Tennyson.

No Escape for Him

Down in a small Southern town
a Negro with a badly slashed face
entered a doctor's office.

"Hello, Sam," the doctor greeted
him. "Got cut up again, I see."

"Yes, sah!" was the doleful re-
joinder. "I done got carved up wid
a razor, Doc."

"Sam," demanded the doctor,
laying out his bandages and medi-
cal supplies, "why don't you keep
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"Doc, I sho' would like to,"
Sam moaned, "but I ain't got 'nut
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The Common Cold

The search for the cause of the common cold which has been carried on by scientists for many years was brought a little closer to its goal recently by studies at the National Institute of Health.

Dr. Norman Topping and his staff were able to isolate a virus from patients with colds and to keep this virus alive by growing it in the embryos of chicks. When material from the chick embryos is injected into human volunteers, the volunteers develop colds.

It has been known for many years that the common cold is probably due to a virus. The great advance made by the scientists at the National Institute of Health is the development of a method of keeping the virus alive.

Viruses are much smaller than bacteria. They are so small that they cannot be seen even with the most powerful ordinary microscopes, through which bacteria can be seen easily. With the newly-developed electron microscope viruses may now be seen and studied.

In 1930 Dr. Dochez and his associates passed the secretions from the noses of patients with colds through special filters. These filters have such tiny pores that even the smallest known bacteria cannot get through. Yet, when the fluid that did get through the filters was introduced into the noses of human volunteers, these volunteers developed colds.

The only living things that get through such filters are viruses. Dr. Dochez showed that the virus produced colds in chimpanzees also.

During the recent war, Dr. Abernethy and his staff of the Commission on Acute Respiratory Diseases were also able to produce colds in human volunteers by a method like that of Dr. Dochez. Neither Dr. Dochez nor Dr. Abernethy, however, was able to keep the virus alive for further study. This is now possible through the work of Dr. Topping and his staff at the National Institute of Health.

Human volunteers have to be used in such studies because laboratory animals are not susceptible to colds. This is one reason why progress in our knowledge of common colds has been so slow. The only animal known to develop colds is the chimpanzee. But chimpanzees are very hard to get, they cost several hundred dollars each, and they are hard to take care of.

"Gas Savers" Do More Harm Than Good

The various gadgets sold as "gas savers" which are designed to fit over the gas burners of your range and are supposed to make the burner more efficient, do more harm than good, the U. S. Bureau of Standards advises.

Placing a solid cover on a range not designed for it interferes with the admission of air around the flame and with the escape of the products of combustion through the open grates, the Bureau of Standards says.

Another attachment that should be "strictly avoided" is a so-called filter that is alleged to purify the gases escaping into the room from an oven or space heater and installed on the vent of the appliance.

The Bureau of Standards says: "the householder should never allow steel wool or other metallic shavings, perforated plates or porous material of any kind to be introduced into vent or flue passages."



IN THE streetcar crowded with holiday shoppers Mrs. Weston couldn't see the couple behind her but their words added to her mounting despair and fury. Overhead, tinsel-wreathed placards exhorted to buy fur coats, diamonds, perfume. She shut her eyes to them but she could not shut her ears.

"That was one swell party last night," sighed the man. "Oh, boy!" The girl squealed. Mrs. Weston cringed. The high laughter was like the whistle in Puppo, the rubber dog they'd given Harvey Jr. his third Christmas. Puppo had become more than a toy. He still lived in glory, a kind of household god enshrined in the whatnot in Harvey's room. "Love to Puppo," Harvey ended his letters. Puppo always topped the



"Lady, you have the wrong angle."

Christmas tree. There'd be no tree this year. It was worse than childish of Harv to want one. She wouldn't have it. A package had been sent to Harvey Jr. overseas in October, but there'd be no Christmasing at home.

Wicked, horrible, thought Mrs. Weston, that people are going through all the old motions of a Merry Christmas. No one has a right to be merry.

"You looked super last night," said the man. "You are super, honey. You're so beautiful." Mrs. Weston turned slightly and caught a glimpse of a flat pretty face surrounded by blond curls. "You rate orchids, honey," the man went on "and you're goin' to have them."

The constant ache in Mrs. Weston's heart sharpened to a stab. For such fools her Harvey was risking his life. Another block of their chatter and Mrs. Weston would say, "The money squandered on orchids, young man, would buy a good many war stamps," or, "This is no occasion for whoopee."

"Jack thinks the Army is going to get him this time." It was the girl speaking. "And is he scared!"

The woman next her got off and another squeezed in. "Certainly going to be a big Christmas," observed the newcomer cheerfully. "Were you downtown Saturday? Worst jam I ever saw."

"I was not." Mrs. Weston felt compelled to explain. "I am going to town now only to select a wreath for my mother's grave."

Behind her the young people were still shrilling about Jack and the Army. "Tell him we'll give him a farewell party. Tell him if he gets shot he'll have a pretty nurse." The man was chortling. "Let's get off next corner, beautiful. You can buy me a drink."

Liquor, thought Mrs. Weston furiously. That explained their incessant giggling over nothing. She raised her voice. "I don't see how people can think about Christmas. How they can drink and laugh and waste money on silly things. Life is so terrible—" her voice broke. Heavens, people were staring! "My son— somewhere in the Pacific," she added hurriedly in a low voice. "I—I'm thinking of him."

She felt a hand on her shoulder. "Lady you have the wrong angle." The man behind her leaned forward. Her eyes met compassionate blue ones in a face curiously pale. "It don't help your boy any for you to have no Christmas."

Union Meetings

There is a tendency on the part of local union officers to place the blame for a lack of attendance at meetings upon the members, and within limits it perhaps belongs there. But this is stating only half the truth. The fault just as frequently lies with the officers themselves. It's no excuse to say that the members are not interested in meetings. Officers should look upon it as their responsibility to work up an interest among the members in meetings. This can be done if the job is undertaken in the proper manner.

Members can't be expected to continue attendance at meetings if the business at meetings is confined to a monotonous reading of dry and uninteresting reports without any explanation from the officers of the practical meaning of such reports.

It is monotony at meetings that serves to deter members from attending. Members may attend uninteresting meetings once, twice or even three times, but after that they are likely to be seized by a what's-the-use feeling and stay away. Personal wrangling between union officers has a still more damaging effect upon attendance at meetings. Local union officers can't be expected to see eye to eye on all issues, and they have a right to disagree among themselves and to give expression to their disagreement, but they should make it their business to debate their differences in an objective, impersonal and dispassionate manner. If this is done, it may serve to even arouse the members' interest in the meetings and in the union's problems and thus serve to promote union education.

To accomplish this should be the purpose of all meetings. They might as well not be held if they repeatedly fail in this respect. Meetings should be so conducted that members will leave them with a feeling that they have learned something for their own good. That's what makes them come back. We conceive of it as the basis and starting point of all union education to build up in the members' minds an understanding of the relationship between the problems of their lives and the problems of their union.

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The scientific method of sponging out a stain in clothing is to work from the under side of the fabric whenever possible; the cleaning fluid then washes off the stain instead of driving it through or into the cloth.

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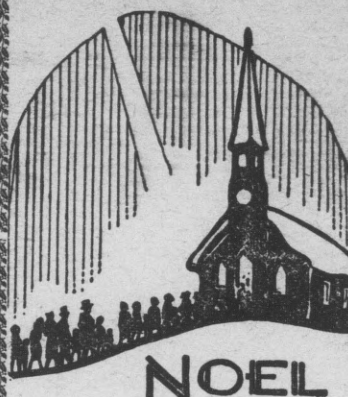
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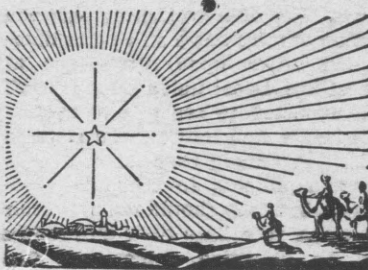
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Wise Men Patron Saints of Travelers

The Three Kings of Cologne have become patron saints of travelers, and very appropriately, too, since the Wise Men traveled considerably even after their death.

Biblically we know very little about the Wise Men. Church tradition, based on the three specifically mentioned gifts, has established three Wise Men and identified them as Caspar, Melchior and Balthaser; the Kings of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia, respectively.

Legend advances that on their way to Bethlehem, the Magi met at Ur and St. Matthew states that having adored the Christ Child, they departed into their own country by a different route. Whether each returned to his own country or whether all three journeyed into one country are matters for conjecture. Legend continues that they were baptized, distributed their wealth among the poor, and went about preaching the doctrine of peace and repentance; all three seem to have suffered martyrdom in India at the same time.



In the fourth century Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, arranged for the transfer of their bodies to Constantinople.

When the Greek Emperor was overpowered by the first crusade in 1096, the holy remains were sent to Milan where they were enshrined until the latter part of the 12th century when Frederick Barbarossa ordered their removal to Cologne.

The Archbishop of Cologne adorned the relics with precious jewels and enshrined them within the Cologne Cathedral: in time, anything which touched the skulls of the Three Kings was considered as a charm against accidents, hence, the Wise Men became popular patron saints of travelers.



To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?
2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?
3. Where is Christmas Island?
4. Who wrote "White Christmas"?
5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?
6. What does the Saxon word "hael" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?
7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end?
8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?
9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time?
10. Until her death what song did Mme. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve?
11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas"?
12. Where are the remains of Good St. Nicholas of Myra buried?

Christmas Was At One Time Illegal

The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1659 the high court of Massachusetts held that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way such day as Christmas Day shall for each and every offense be fined five shillings."

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Take a look again at the watch on your wrist. War lords have them on theirs also. Before war lords are maps—maps on which are drawn red, bloody lines that designate areas where human beings must die. A million men are ready. The war lords watch time click off its petty pace. Thirty seconds more—twenty seconds—ten seconds—five seconds—now! Bombs drop! Destroy! Destroy! Destroy! Conquered peoples lie in the streets. Thousands are dead. Then comes the specter of starvation. Nations are bombed into submission. Another Napoleon is born. A victory has been won. What a hollow victory! The dictator gives the command: Produce! Produce! Produce! Overtake time! Build another ship, another tank, a gun! More! More! Build instruments of death! Faster! Faster, so that the human race can destroy again!

A decade passes. Another First Front . . . Second Front . . . Third Front! Why? Because a nation wants to keep its troops in Berlin? Is that a good reason for mass-killing? Yesterday's experiences have taught nothing. It has only lighted the way of dusty death. Could time not be utilized for creation instead of destruction? Why must we create to destroy? Surely more beauty can be cultivated among the peoples of the world, more art, more literature, more music, more drama. Why cannot the world dance, sing, paint, love and be loved? It can, when we draw a little further away from mammon and creep a little closer to God.

We understand now that President Truman may meet Premier Stalin. We suggested that months ago. Out of the meeting may come an understanding. We ought to stop meddling in other people's business. We have enough dirt to sweep away from our own doors. We have enough people to feed and clothe in our own nation. We can do this and feed half the rest of the world without war. Let's have none of it!

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Patrick E. Gorman,
Secy-Treas.

Blood Water Has Bang!

Not far from the capital of Honduras, there is said to be a lake the color of blood, the water of which, sealed in a bottle, will literally "give you a bang." Although, as drinking water, it does cows and other animals no harm, it will explode if hotted.

Speech Without Thought

On this continent we boast of our three thousand miles of undefended frontier. Visitors pass freely back and forth; so do ideas, and in some cases there seems to be no barrier at all. One of the serious characteristics of public life is the persistent attempt to discredit unpopular causes by attaching inaccurate labels. In certain quarters any kind of social reform, however mild, has become suspect. Everyone, of course, is entitled to his own opinion, but he ought to attach the views of others for what they actually are. The term communist has become a utility term of abuse, and anyone who questions the sanctity of the status quo is immediately branded as a "red." This tendency has reached disturbing proportions.

Communism, in spite of the evident belief to the contrary, involves a definite philosophy of life and a very exact program of action. Communists desire change, but by no means everyone who desires change is a communist. This is an elementary fact which is overlooked. The whole situation, in fact, has apparently arisen because we have taught people to speak without also teaching them to think. We have made everyone a potential afterdinner speaker, but we have not insisted on the discipline of accuracy. We all sin in this respect; ministers are often flagrant offenders, but it must also be added that a great many of our people are in no position to offer criticism. The ill-formed and inexact attempts to fix a stigma to unpopular causes are by-products of an educational system which makes people vocal without making them concerned for truth.

The unfortunate feature of "red baiting" is that its results are wholly bad. Fair criticism may alter a man's opinion, but ignorant and indiscriminating abuse may easily drive him to extremes. There is no truer way of befriending communism than branding all reformers as reds. Only the most violent reactionaries deny the need of some kind of change, and a society freed of all criticism would be in a most dangerous position. On this continent we still profess belief in freedom of thought, but a certain very vocal element is attempting to impose a practical censorship before time and experience have had a chance to speak.

We do not subscribe to the theory that a full stomach will make a good Democrat out of a Communist in France or Italy. In our opinion we should pitch our foreign policies on a higher plane. We should contribute as best we can to the rehabilitation of smaller nations and the stabilization of their economies because it is the right thing to do, without the motivation of a crude to convert or proselyte the adherents of one ideology to our own. If we succeed in improving economic conditions throughout the world we will create a potential market for our own products which will serve as a cushion in the event of some future deflation of our own economy.

This does not mean that we should continue to ship Russia tooling machines, oil and other products that may be converted into engines of war. We should have profited by our experience with the war lords of Japan. But it does mean that we should approach the Russian problem with an open mind, in a spirit of tolerance; just as we might approach the training of a recalcitrant youngster. For the Soviet Union is still very young, compared with our own system of government, and it is now passing through a period of evolution that might be compared to the "growing pains" of adolescent youth but may yet grow up to a better understanding and appreciation of the motives and actions of other nations, as Time goes on, as it inevitably does.

A GOOD UNION MAN

A good union man attends all meetings, votes on all issues, and pays his dues promptly so that his organization can carry on its work. These are three short commandments. Live by them, and you'll be saved from a lot of hardship and grief.

UNION SHOP CARD FACTS

Your Union Shop Card and Union Label are symbols of economic fair play and honesty. They show that the employer who uses them is fair to his employees, that he meets and bargains with the representatives of the Union, that he pays Union wages and observes working conditions.

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No business firm which fails to display the Union Shop Card is a friend of your Union or of the working people. Get that straight. Non-Union firms are non-Union because they pay lower wages, work their help longer hours, chisel them in other ways.

Your buying power and the buying power of other Union people is the most powerful weapon in the world for improving wages, working conditions and hours of employment—and for promoting the prosperity of those employers who want to adopt a code of economic fair play.

Brighten Up The Basement

When turning the basement into a family recreation center, make full use of gay color and bright light. Bright yellow walls put sunlight into a dark basement. Ivory or white cabinets and shelves with interiors painted in salmon tints add light and contrast. An asphalt tile floor individually designed with gray and salmon red tiles and pictorial insets at intervals give the room even more distinction. Bright draperies in bold contrasting colors, plus brilliant-hued chairs and comfortable furniture, contribute importantly to the over-all effect.

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"I bring sickness, degradation, and death, and yet few seek to avoid me.

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"I am your worst enemy.

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To the Point

A veteran who received an eviction notice from his landlord, replied with a letter that set a record for brevity.

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A gas turbine engine in which the working fluid is air circulated under pressure is under development in Switzerland; in the ordinary gas turbine it is the gases of combustion that pass through the turbine, causing rotation.

New York—Director Roger N. Baldwin of the American Civil Liberties Union has protested to Atty. Gen. Tom Clark against the barring of seven Canadian delegates from the United Auto Workers (CIO) convention in Milwaukee.

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The Right Arm of Labor

The man who has lost his right arm is definitely handicapped. The value of the right arm to the average individual cannot be stated in terms of money, though for purposes of compensation, the state industrial insurance law does so. Imagine, however, a man who never used his right arm. Think, if you can, of a man who was so mixed up with the complexities of modern life that he never realized he had a right arm. Sounds foolish, doesn't it?

The Labor Movement, and your own Union, both are composed of individual members. Labor also has a right arm: your Union has a right arm. But, strangely enough, a very great many of our members seem never to have realized that fact.

The right arm of Labor, and of your Union, is the Union Label, or the Shop Card. Yes, it is just that important. How many members of Labor Unions, however, know and understand this fact? Do you?

Do we realize that Labor's vast purchasing power can be used as a tremendous influence to elevate our living standards, abolish abuses, open the door to greater progress in the future? Do we know that in making our purchases—all Union people, not just a few here and there—the entire attitude of business could be changed over night?

Congress can pass laws which force us to work with, transport and handle shabby goods produced by non-Union firms, but no power on earth can force us to buy non-Union products, if we refuse to do so. The pressure of the united pocketbooks of working people upon the structure of business would be irresistible, no matter what the Taft-Hartley Act says.

We believe that the Taft-Hartley Act is viciously immoral and unethical in that it denies the right of boycott to Union people. That right, however potent it may have been in the past, is of little importance when compared to that other right, which Congress cannot take away—the right to refuse to put our right hands into our pockets for money to buy non-Union goods. We have seen the potency of the boycott, but we have never given our purchasing power a trial.

It's all a question of education. We use our right arms because we know their value and their purpose. We do not use the right arm of Labor because we do not understand that through organization of our buying power we can best demonstrate Labor's economic influence.

U. S. Department of Agriculture is making a survey in 70 widely-separated American cities to find out what city-people are eating this year.

Build Around Trailer

Pismo Beach, Calif. — Moving here a year ago from Syracuse, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Daniels bought a lot in an exclusive neighborhood and set up housekeeping in their trailer. Neighbors objected to their efforts to beat the housing shortage, so they built a hallway and kitchen around the trailer, completely concealing it from view. Now the neighbors are happy.

Safety, or strike-on-box, matches are a development or improvement on an invention of a Swedish scientist, patented in Sweden 101 years ago.

What Next?

Two Yale University scientists, Drs. Harold Lampert and Ralph D. Eichhorn, say a cheap, light portable "iron lung" can be produced for infantile paralysis victims. It would be made from rubberized cloth or transparent plastic, would weigh only a few pounds and could be folded up and carried in a suitcase. Regular iron lungs weigh 500 to 600 pounds and cost \$1,000 to \$1,600.

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Some Legal Aspects of Workmen's Compensation

In all states, there are three basic questions which must be answered in the affirmative before a compensation claim will be held compensable:

1. Does the accident bear a definite relationship to the employment?
2. Was the employer notified within the statutory period?
3. Was the accident a cause producing the disabling condition?

Though there is an infinite variety of other legal problems which may arise from a given set of facts, all cases must meet the above three criteria.

"AN ACCIDENT"

In all states, the basis of a compensation claim is an accidental injury. This seems like a simple enough term. Yet thousands of cases have been taken to the courts—even to the Supreme Court—in an effort to determine what constitutes an "accidental" injury.

It is clear that an employee who, while walking from the fourth to the fifth floor of his employer's premises, trips and falls and injures his back, has met with an accident; and the injury which results is obviously an accidental injury. But what about the painter who, while lifting a can of paint, suddenly feels a sharp pain in his back and it is finally determined that he has sustained a disabling back strain? Is his injury accidental? And what about a blacksmith who, while pounding a horseshoe into shape, suddenly is stricken with a heart attack from which he subsequently dies? Is this an accidental death? The various states differ with respect to the answers to these questions.

CONNECTION WITH JOB

Even where an injury has finally been determined to have been accidental, there must be shown to exist a definite relationship between the accident and the employment. In some states it must be shown that the accident not only occurred in the course of employment, but actually arose out of it. Thousands of cases are taken annually to the courts to determine whether an accident arose out of and in the course of employment.

It is then necessary to prove that the injury or disease resulted from the accident.

NEED EXPERT ADVICE

In addition to the above three basic questions, many other legal issues may arise from a particular fact situation. Some employments are by statute excluded from compensation coverage in most states; farming and domestic service, for example. Within the past two years, at least one state has made an exception to this rule by including domestic servants who

work a full 40-hour week for a single employer, in a city or town having a population in excess of 40,000.

The answer to these questions always depends upon the particular fact situation involved and its interpretation by the Compensation Commissions and the courts. No broad general answer can be given. In discussing these questions, our intention is merely to point out that such problems exist and to awaken injured workers to the need of obtaining competent expert advice concerning their own particular claims.

Unions Are Not Built in a Day

Unions are not built in a day, a month or a year. They neither resemble skyscraper, locomotives, automobiles, nor crops. They are made of an uncertain, unpredictable human element. Not even an army offers a good parallel, because union men are required to think, to reason and to forecast. Merely to take orders is not a union man's business. Mechanical wheel and turn, under the bawling of a top sergeant's directions, is not enough.

Physical presence of workers in an organization; names entered on records; payment of dues—these are but the beginnings of organization. What is more essential is psychological mobilization; something must happen to men's minds; a union man must come into harmony with a great tradition, feel a part of it and learn to go along with it; a union man must "belong."

To enroll individualists into an organization is not enough, co-operation must become habitual. How long will it take to make a union depends in large part upon the union material which is in it. It is likely that it will take years to build any kind of organization. A union must prove it can live through depressions, as well as survive.

And just as we cannot build a union in a day, we cannot unbuild a union overnight. Unions grow; they are not manufactured. They are made of human men and women. Such material cannot be shaped like sticks and stones. It must adapt itself to a great ideal—yes—a great ideal—the ideal of cooperation; the ideal that the whole is greater than any of its parts.

If the pressure indicator in your car's oil gauge starts to flutter erratically, the oil supply may be getting low.

Union Dues---

An Investment

Has your employer been one of those who have been declaring that you pay dues only to give union executives fat salaries? What would he say to a charge that your shop or factory exists to pay the head or president a fat salary? It would be just as reasonable.

Don't let talk like this keep you from looking after your own interests. Every one of us must have incomes to pay our bills—and no person looking for an easy income would choose the job of union executive.

Your union dues pay for service. The union can do for you what you cannot do for yourself. You can do some things as an individual; but some things you can only do by joining with others who are also interested in getting action. It is impractical for the whole work force to go to the office to talk over the work contract with the boss, and so you select your best informed and ablest spokesman to go for you. But can your ablest fellow worker afford to stand up for your rights if the employer can fire him for it? This is why the union must pay a salary to its business executive.

But to run your union your executive needs more than his salary. He must have money in order to get the information and the assistance he needs to negotiate agreements covering your job. He must be able to prove that the company can pay higher wages or grant vacations with pay, or to show why and how to observe health and safety standards. He must be able to help you get compensation for accidents or unemployment. He must be able to protect your interests wherever any changes are made in your industry. He must help all union members to get jobs. He must work for laws to protect workers and work against laws that would interfere with your progress. He must represent you in civic and social activities in your community in order to get for you, your wife and your children the best possible opportunities for good and satisfactory living.

Your dues are an investment in the benefits of a union—steadily rising wages as conditions warrant, greater leisure through the shorter work-week and vacations with pay, committees to represent you in dealing with grievances and problems of the job, greater security and better employment relationships.

The Political Broom

Many people shy away from progressive political activity with the remark: "I don't want to get mixed up in a lot of dirty politics."

The answer is: "Use a broom and clean it up."

Politics are dirty because too many people with that feeling do nothing about the situation. Would one live in a dirty room rather than clean it up? He must know that if he leaves a room untouched dust will accumulate. That is what happens in politics.

The "dirt" in politics is produced by the political machine. This machine has a stake in preventing the people from voicing their democratic opinions at the polls. The machine prefers to railroad its candidates and policies through with its active minority.

Politics is not inherently dirty. Proof of this are the cases where good government has been achieved when the common people became sufficiently aroused to do something about their home-grown messes. An example of this is the corruption which existed in New York City politics until the people united on a reform ticket to elect Fiorello LaGuardia as mayor. Machines have been on the decline where the people have vigorously grasped the political broom. In addition to Tammany's defeat, Pendergast has sagged in Missouri, Hague has declined in New Jersey. Positive results can be achieved when politically apathetic people grasp matters in their own hands.

Union 'Pay As You Go' Plan

By I. M. ORNBURN
Sec.-Treas., Union Label Trades Dept., A. F. of L.

The best union pay-as-you-go plan is to buy union-made goods and to use union services every time you spend your union-earned cash.

At the same time you purchase Union Label products or use Union services you are also paying an installment on the great debt that present members of labor unions and women's auxiliaries owe to those gallant pioneers of the labor movement. They made great sacrifices in their fight for American labor standards. Some were jailed and others were shot down in the battle for human freedom. The vast productive capacity of skilled and organized labor today is heir to the accumulated experience of 66 years of American Federation of Labor craftsmen. They created the greatest industrial system on earth, which many "super-patriots" like to designate as "the American way of life."

Through education and publicity the Union Label Trades Department promotes every activity among members of labor unions, women's auxiliaries, their families and friends to patronize only those business firms that display the Union Label, Shop Card and Button. In this way, we shall try to pay future installments on the great obligation that we owe labor leaders of former generations. The debt can never be repaid in full but we must strive to do all that is possible with our purchasing power to direct it into union channels. However, the commitments that we owe to the leaders of the American Federation of Labor in the past, who established the wonderful labor conditions we now enjoy in America, can be paid only in part.

Much of our business prosperity—in fact over 90 per cent of it—is done on credit. This requires great faith in the integrity of business firms and credit buyers. In just the degree that we have prosperity, because of monthly installment paying plans, we should also have a firm faith in our brother trade unionists and purchase their high-quality and superb craftsmanship products. It is a reciprocal formula which is the only way to maintain and improve living standards throughout America.

They're Organized

A stage driver passed o'er a trail one day—

Past meadow and woodland he took his way.

His long whip snapped with unerring aim,

Whether standing or moving, 'twas just the same.

A horsefly fell as the snaky lash
Shot out as sure as the lightning's flash;

A grasshopper here and a butterfly there

Fell prey to his aim as they winged the air.

A hornet's nest hung on a limb near by,

But the stage driver passed that carefully by.

"What's the matter?" his passengers cried, surprised.

"Why," he answered, "them hornets is organized."

The horsefly, the butterfly, the grasshopper, too—

And their fate is a lesson and warning to you.

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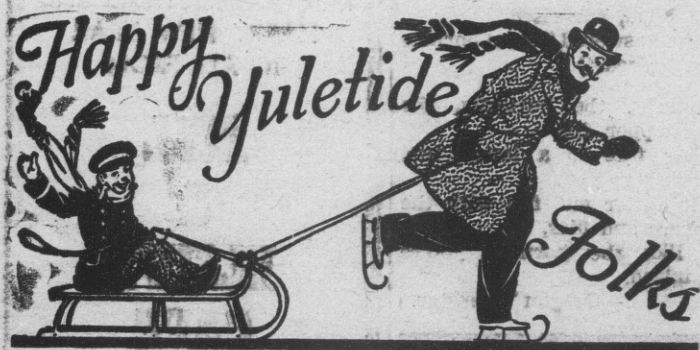
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To whom God's angels did appear,
Which put the shepherds in great
fear,
"Prepare and go," the angels said,
"To Bethlehem, be not afraid;
For there you'll find this happy
morn,
A princely babe, sweet Jesus born."



Christmas Trees, • Crib and Ceppi

Christmas trees and cribs, with
in respective spheres of influence,
provide focal points for observances
of the season.

Various legends claim to tell the
story of the first Christmas tree;
actually, evergreen decorations
were so closely associated with pagan
celebrations that they were
banned by many ecclesiastics of the
early church.



According to literature, the first
Christmas tree was set up at Stras-
bourg, Germany, in 1604; even
then, the cry rose against heathen
customs and, as late as 1851, the
Rev. Henry Schwan was severely
criticized for setting up a Christ-
mas tree in his church in Cleve-
land, Ohio.

St. Francis of Assisi received
special permission from the pope to
present a tableau of the nativity
scene. This first crib, set up at Gre-
cio, Italy, in 1223, was an imme-
diate sensation; the renaissance
endowed the cribs with ornate pag-
eantry and, modernly, the crib is
to southern Europe and Catholic
countries what the tree is to Amer-
ica and northern lands.



In the Book of Common Prayer of
the Church of England, the prayer
for the last Sunday before Advent
began with the words "Stir up." The
people of Peterborough took this to
be a reminder that they should start
their plum pudding at that time, and
everybody in the family took a hand
in the stirring until it was ready on
Christmas.

This indispensable old-time Eng-
lish Christmas dish was frumenty, or
frumenty, which according to old-
time recipes was "wheat boiled un-
til the grains burst, then strained
and boiled again with broth or milk
and yolks of eggs." Frumenty was
the forerunner to plum pudding.

Quaint Swiss Custom Of Meeting Lover

Forecasting is ritualized in Swit-
zerland. Grandma goes to the cellar,
selects the most perfect onion,
halves it, and peels 12 layers, one
for each month. The next day these
layers show what the weather will
be during the coming year.

The daughter of the house goes
about town at midnight to drink
from nine different fountains. Then
she goes to church. She expects to
meet her unknown lover on the
church steps.

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moths. But like all weapons, it
must be pointed in the right di-
rection. You have to know where
to look for the moths.

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often overlooked is in floor
cracks, according to Miss Helen
Zwolaneck, clothing specialist, Uni-
versity of Illinois College of Agri-
culture. Bits of woolen lint and
hairs in the cracks provide food
for the larvae. The space beneath
and behind quarter rounds and
baseboards is another excellent
breeding place. Moths thrive, too,
in carpeting beneath heavy pieces
of furniture which aren't often
moved. They also like upholstered
furniture and make great head-
way under slip covers. In other
words dark places which are hard
to clean make fine feeding
grounds for moth larvae.

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sive gasoline consumption in your
car can be caused by a partially
blocked air cleaner. It is advised
having your service station clean
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ular intervals in order to maintain
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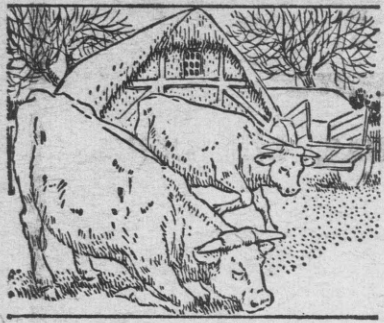
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Christmas Traditions

WHAT THEY MEAN



TO illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, "A Visit to St. Nicholas," Thomas Nash located Santa's home at the North Pole and gave him a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew the familiar fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe. Santa was given a spy-glass to locate the good children and a book in which to enter their names.



TREES were first decorated by hanging apples and fruit on them. It was declared that all of the trees in the forest blossomed and bore fruit the night of our Lord's Nativity. The lights on the tree were a gift from Martin Luther, who one Christmas Eve saw the stars peering through the branches of the forest pines. Wanting to share the beauty, he brought home a lighted tree.



ST. FRANCIS of Assisi is credited as having been the popularizer of carol singing at Christmastime. He taught the faithful simple and tuneful melodies, and overjoyed by the success attending his presentation of the first Christmas Crib in 1223, he burst into joyous vocal recitation of the gospel story. One early bishop of the Church of England spoke of the angels' song on the morning of the nativity.



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A double-acting pump is the prime feature of a half-ton, hydraulic floor crane recently placed on the market.

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AT one o'clock on Christmas morning, whenever they were free to do so, the cattle would turn their heads to the eastward, get down on their knees to worship the King that was born in a stable. During the Christmas season the barnyard cocks were accustomed to crow with more than usual force. Special food was provided for birds and animals.



THE practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas Eve is a continuation of an Irish custom, bound up with the thought of the Christ Child out alone in the cold and dark and requiring to be lighted on His way. The blazing Yule log, radiating warmth, was also emblematic of Christ as the light of the world.



THE stockings the children of today hang by the fireplace were once the wooden shoes of the children of Amsterdam. With the passing of wooden shoes, the children hopefully begin to hang their stockings by the fire instead. The apples and nuts placed in the stockings are symbolic of love and fertility.



HOLLY, considered sacred by the Druids, who believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun. Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly. Before the Crucifixion, the berries were white, but turned crimson like drops of blood. Whoever brings the Christmas holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule the ensuing year.

NOW SHE REMEMBERS

"I shouldn't be offering you wine, should I? You are the head of the Temperance League, aren't you?" remarked the hostess to her male guest.

"Oh, no, I'm the head of the Anti-Vice League."

"Well, I knew there was something I shouldn't offer you."

A local food market has a sign on the tomato rack which reads: "Don't squeeze me until I'm yours."

AUTO HINTS

USE LOWER GEAR—The speed of the fan of an automobile engine is an important factor towards helping to keep the engine from overheating. On cars equipped with manual gear shift control, it is advisable to shift to a lower gear when the car begins to slow down on a grade. Shifting to a lower gear increases the fan and water pump speed.

INSPECT BRAKE DRUMS — Automobile wheels should be removed for inspection of brake drums at least once each season, and oftener if the car is used extensively. Neglected brakes may operate, but scored brake drums result when lining wears thin and rivets are allowed to cut grooves in the drums.

WEAR ON SPRINGS—Defective shock absorbers, by allowing too much flexing, will definitely shorten the life of an automobile spring.

Automobile fuel pumps deteriorate gradually with use. The inconvenience of experiencing sudden fuel pump failure can be avoided by replacement, which is simple and inexpensive. Any competent mechanic can check your fuel pump and determine its efficiency.

Defective shock absorbers on a motor vehicle are a definite accident hazard until replaced or repaired. By failing to hold the car body evenly and firmly, a defective shock absorber may cause the car to swerve out of control when brakes are applied suddenly.

Motorists are advised not to discard the thermostat from the engine's cooling system. The thermostat is installed to maintain high engine efficiency by controlling operating temperature. A cold operating engine wastes fuel and does not develop maximum power.

There are some things every young girl should do.

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PASSING THE BUCK

The cattle king swore as he paid the bill,
As some taxpayers always will;
But the bookkeeper soon assuaged his grief
By charging the tax to the price of beef.

The butcher who bought a beef next day
A part of this tax was compelled to pay;
But what did it matter? If folk must eat
They will pay the tax in the price of meat!

So the cattle king's tax, and the butcher's, too,
Mixed with the meat in the Irish stew
For the widow's children—yet some folk say
These have no taxes at all to pay!

Next came the tanner, but he had been
Too long at the trade to be taken in.
So his and the other two taxes together,
He dumps on the man who buys the leather.

Now, three times taxed, the leather is sent
To the big shoemaking establishment;
And what happens there makes matters worse—
They slip in the tariff graft, of course!

Bloated with taxes and swelling up
Like the corpulent corpse of a poisoned pup
Comes the leather at last to the retail store
Where, sure enough, it is taxed once more.

And the poor consumer, being the last in line,
Must bear the brunt of each fiscal fine
That falls on the stuff at every step—
From the cattle range to the Main Street shop.

And yet there are people with brains so lax
That they think consumers pay no tax!

—HORATIO.

Socialized Medicine

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At the conclusion of the Sunday morning service a man remained to talk to the pastor.

"I am a bus driver," he said, "and I wish you would tell me how you get so many of your people to move to the rear."

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